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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE THE  
REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR HOME CHILD CARE FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services allows for child  
2 care cost reimbursement under the Child Care Connection Hawaii  
3 program; and  
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5 WHEREAS, this reimbursement allows parents to secure stable  
6 employment and increase the family's economic wellbeing; and  
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8 WHEREAS, center-based care and family child care homes are  
9 eligible to receive reimbursements for child care rendered to  
10 families receiving subsidies through the Child Care Connection  
11 Hawaii program; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the reimbursement rates for center-based care for  
14 families receiving subsidies has been increased by an average of  
15 twenty percent in 2017; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the child care rates for family child care homes  
18 have remained stagnant since 2009, and at a substantially lower  
19 rate than that of the centers; and  
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21 WHEREAS, currently the child care rates for family  
22 childcare homes are a mere forty-four percent of that of child  
23 care centers for the same population and the same services; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the number of available child care center seats is  
26 low, and non-existent on several of the neighbor islands; and  
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28 WHEREAS, it is in the State's interest to encourage the  
29 availability of licensed family child care homes to accommodate  
30 the chronic lack of available child care; now, therefore,  
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
33 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of



# S.C.R. NO. 5

1 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Human  
2 Services is urged to raise the reimbursements to family child  
3 care homes to seventy-five percent of the current center child  
4 care rate; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Human  
7 Services provide incentive bonuses to family child care homes  
8 for accreditation; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Human  
12 Services.

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